

# Bride Valley News

A night sky photograph featuring the Milky Way galaxy arching over a grassy hill with a stone tower or ruin on top. The text 'Bride Valley News' is overlaid at the top in a large, green, outlined font.

*The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches*  
**November 2014**

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## THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock      ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy                      Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge              HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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## WEEKDAY SERVICES, NOVEMBER 2014

Monday	3	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	5	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	6	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	7	9.00am	Shipton
Monday	10	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	12	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	13	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	14	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	17	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	19	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	20	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	21	9.00am	Shipton
Monday	24	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	26	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	27	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	28	9.00am	Litton Cheney

## FROM THE EDITOR

### BVN SURVEY: WHAT YOU SAID

A big thank you to all of you who returned your BVN Questionnaires. The lucky winner of the bottle of Furleigh is **Veronica Ward** of Shipton Gorge

Although you were small in number (just over 6% of the Benefice households with at least one usual resident), you provided some very valuable feedback about the BVN. Most of you said you read parts of the BVN every month; the sections you were most likely to read are your village page and Valley Notes. The most popular suggestions for additional content were: more local news items, a letters page, more local history information and features on local people, although some of you mentioned the inherent difficulties associated with a letters page.

There were only 4 respondents who have children/young people aged 0-17 living with them and this is too few to allow analysis. This is a concern, as children aged 0-15 make up 12.8% of the Benefice population (2011 Census) so it is important that the Parish magazine includes appropriate content for them.

Many of you took the opportunity to share a range of comments and to express gratitude for the editor's hard work. Thank you for all the information you submitted.

What you probably want to know is what will happen as a result of this survey. We plan to look at introducing a few more local interest features and a section devoted to the school age group.. We will be looking for contributors and so if you or someone you know might be interested in providing material please contact me on [bridevalleynews@gmail.com](mailto:bridevalleynews@gmail.com), or your village correspondent.

*Will Newell*

## FROM THE RECTORY

**AS YOU READ THESE WORDS**, Ann and I will be, God willing, holidaying in St Paul's Bay on the island of Malta. The Bible, in the Book of Acts, tells the exciting story of how St Paul was shipwrecked on his voyage from Caesarea to stand trial in Rome.

The ship full of prisoners was caught in a storm, and drifted for 14 days before breaking up on the shore of an unknown island. All got safely to land, and they discovered that the island was called Malta.

The locals received the shipwrecked strangers with kindness and built a bonfire to warm them. Paul, while adding sticks to the fire, was bitten by a

snake but suffered no ill effects, and this was taken as a sign that he was no ordinary man.

The chief on the island, Publius, received them and Paul was able to heal his sick father. The castaways stayed on the island for three months, during which time Paul laid the foundations of a Christian community, as one who had been appointed by Jesus to be an apostle to the Gentiles.

In Rabat you can visit where Paul lived and preached and had his church. It is very small with a large rock slab for an altar. There are 357 Christian churches on the island, mostly in the Roman Catholic tradition.

Mike Read

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS

At the 9.30am as part of our Family Service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September Julian and Kate Barnett brought their second daughter **Iris Marjorie Barnett**, who comes regularly to the Friday Tots Service to the Burton church for baptism.

Children at the service played in the aisle *What's the time Mr Wolf?* as an introduction to St Paul's word from Philippians *It is Time to Wake up* - it's time to start a new day, it's time to put on Jesus daily.

Family and friends, together with godparents and church members promise to pray for and help Iris on her journey of faith. After Iris' baptism, the gift of a lighted candle, and singing *Light up the fire* everyone stayed around for coffee and chats.

Ryder Rogers



On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at Burton Bradstock Zoe and Tafao Campbell came to a special service of baptism for their daughter **Kora Tiare Campbell**. The service began with enthusiastic singing of *All things bright and beautiful*. Ryder then illustrated Christ's words to the Pharisees in Luke by showing a cup, all clean on the outside but dirty on the inside, to explain how external things (like baptism) need an internal reality. Parents and godparents promised to see that in the coming days this would be done for Kora. God help them, and us all, to work out our professions by a deep personal faith.

Ryder Rogers

### WEDDING

There was a Scottish flavour to the wedding of **Thomas Turner** and **Claire Canning** which took place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September at St Mary's Church, Puncknowle. Claire and her



mother decorated the church for the service, with the final touch being the tartan ribbons on the railings by the gate. Among the youthful congregation, it was a delight to welcome babies and young children, and throughout the ceremony there was an atmosphere of joyful reverence in the packed church. The couple chose two readings; “My love is like a red, red rose” by Robert Burns, and 1 Corinthians 13, and during the signing of the registers, their friend Timothy Simpson performed two songs. As Claire and Tom left the church, the sun shone, and we pray that the light of Christ will continually shine through their lives together

*Sue Linford*

## FUNERALS



The funeral service of **Margery Eleanor Dewhurst** was held at St Peter’s Church, Longbredy on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The mourners were led by Margery’s sons Peter and George, and their families, and following the service Margery was buried in the churchyard. Margery moved to Longbredy with her husband Dr Vivien Dewhurst in the early 1960’s when her time was mainly spent looking after her family and Vivien’s patients. However, having studied English at St Ann’s College, Oxford she also worked as a reader for a publishing house both before and after her marriage; only ‘retiring’ in the 1990’s. In 1966 she and Vivien bought Sands Farm which Margery ran, buying in suckler calves, and raising sheep. Margery involved herself in the community, and for a time she was a governor of Thorner’s School. In her later years she moved first to Thistlegate House and then to Weymouth Care Home where she was nursed through her final days.

May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

*Sue Linford*

In the garden of remembrance at St Mary’s, Litton Cheney on Friday afternoon, 12<sup>th</sup> September in glorious Bride Valley sunshine, family and friends of the late **Allan William Spring** of Litton Cheney, gathered for the interment of his cremated remains.



Some time having passed since his earlier funeral service, it was hoped that his sister living in Canada, would gain sufficient strength to travel. However, this sadly was not the case and the mourners were lead by Allan’s niece Mrs Caren Clemens and her family, of Ontario. The short service was followed by refreshments in the White Horse.

May Allan rest in peace and rise in glory.

*James Webster*

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, from a position in St Martin's, Shipton Gorge, offering beautiful views of Shipton Hill to the north and the Valley to the south, **Anne** and her husband **Julian** came to lay to rest, the cremated remains of her mother, the late **Jean Polson**.



A regular visitor to Anne and Julian's home in Shipton Gorge and attending St Martin's church on her visits, Jean had a special love of St Martin's, drawing comfort from her time spent there.

May Jean rest in peace and rise in glory.

*James Webster*

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS - LAST ORDERS PLEASE!

This is the last chance and a reminder to those who want to send their greetings in the December issue; your donation cheque, payable to The Bride Valley Benefice, must be with **Susan Paul (Old Walls, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QZ)** by **7th November at the very latest**. Regrettably requests after that date cannot be accepted. Further details may be found in the October BVN page 33.



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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The next **churchyard working party** will be on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November** from 9.00 a.m.

On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a special United Valley Service at **St. Mary's - Advent Songs of Praise at 6.00 p.m.** The music will be lead by **Paul Cheater**, with contributions from our newly-formed choir, giving an atmospheric and contemplative introduction to the Advent season.



How many of you have spotted the magnificent golden cockerel weathervane now adorning the top of the tower? It has been several years since the old weathervane succumbed to the wind and weather, falling off the tower and damaging the porch roof.

After much searching, a craftsman was found who could



recreate the original - Lee Dickinson of Squashed Apple Carving near Sturminster Newton. Thanks to a legacy from **Geraldine Rowlands** which made it possible, the new cockerel is finally in place and we are delighted to have such a fine piece of craftsmanship enhancing the beauty of our Church.

Very soon there will also be a new flagpole, replacing the old wooden one that had rotted into an unusable state, so once again the Union flag, St. George's Cross and Armed Forces Day flag will fly proudly over the village on the appropriate days.



## DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST "RIDE & STRIDE"



Well done **Diana Cheater, Gill Newell, Lynn Lacey, Elizabeth Kingston** and **Jan Lunn** for cycling and walking around all the valley churches and raising for the Trust in the process the sum of **£609**, half of which the Trust will remit to St Mary's where it will be put to good use in maintaining our church building. Our grateful thanks to all the many sponsors without whose generosity this splendid result would not have been achieved.

The walkers set out from Little Bredy and walked to each of the churches in the Benefice. With glorious weather and scrumptious refreshments provided at the churches, they walked 13 miles, almost all off road. After finishing at Burton church, a well-earned cider was enjoyed at the Three Horseshoes while waiting for a lift home.



## BELL RESTORATION PROJECT



The third report on the bells has now been received and we are taking some technical advice from the Diocesan Bell Advisor before making our first grant application. Fund-raising continued with **Steven**

**Spurrier's Wine Tasting Evening** held in October, the profits from which will be divided between the Bell Fund and LATCH. **A Quiz Night at The White Horse** is planned for **Sunday 11th January**, so be sure to put the date into your new diary!



## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY COMMUNITY HALL.

We will be sharing some of our licences with Burton to keep costs down; these films will be shown on a Friday at Burton and the following Wednesday at Litton.

**Wednesday 12th November THE RAILWAY MAN**  
'a brilliant and moving film of an extraordinary story' Cert. 15 2 hrs.

**Colin Firth** and **Nicole Kidman** star in this drama adapted from Eric Lomax's memoirs about his experiences in a POW camp in Japan in WW2. He is brutally tortured and forced, along with his fellow captives, to build the Thai-Burma Railway. Many years later Lomax (Firth) is still traumatised by the experience. Supported by his wife Patti (Kidman) and friend Finlay, he decides to track down one of his torturers, hoping to find the answers that will enable him to finally let go of the hatred he has held for so long.



**Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m.**

**TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)** in advance from: Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308)

**Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.**

## LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a meeting of Litton Cheney Parish Council on **Tuesday 11th November, 7.30 pm** in the Meeting Room of LATCH. Local residents are most welcome and indeed are actively encouraged to attend.

**LATCH** (Litton and Thorner's Community Hall)

### REGULAR EVENTS

Beavers  
Scouts

Mondays  
Thursdays



Youth Club	Tuesdays 4th and 18th
Art classes	Thursdays (1.30pm - 4.00pm)
Short Mat Bowls	Tuesdays (4.00pm - 5.00pm)
Table Tennis	Wednesdays (4.00pm - 5.00pm)
Yoga	Fridays (10.00am - 11.30am)

## EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Tuesday 11th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 12th	<b>Film Night "The Railway Man"</b> Starts 8.00 pm
Saturday 15th	<b>Village Café for The Weldmar Hospice.</b> Christmas cards, decorations and gifts on sale - come one, come all.

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**The SKITTLES EVENING** was great success with

19 participants of varying degrees of skill, or not, thoroughly enjoying themselves. **Tess** and **John** organised us well and have grown into the role - no domestics this year! Although the first game, **KILLER**, nearly did produce one as it came down to the last



skittle between **Alan** and **June** which Alan had to knock down to produce a playoff. However, gentleman that he is (!!!), he completely missed. Peace at any price it seems. Obviously staying on ginger beer didn't quite do it.

**Gil** didn't quite manage his cabaret act of last year but **Chris "One Arm Robbins"** did show exceptional skill in knocking down one solitary skittle throughout the entire evening. Slow, fast, sidearm deliveries, they all threaded their way through the pack, or quietly crept past down the side. Using a hurling stick didn't change much! But, very well done for coming along and taking part, regardless of the cast! A most entertaining evening enjoyed by all; thanks to everyone for coming along, and to **Kieran** and **Reuben** for putting up the skittles. Also a very big thank you to **Val** and **Kelvan** for allowing us the use of the alley PLUS the appetising savoury bites, strawberry and cream scones which were delicious and a wonderful surprise.

## CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE

s the next event. **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - East end of the village and **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - West end, ending at **The White Horse**. We meet at 6 p.m. at the Bus Shelter so do come along. As usual, the collection will go to Julia's House.

**Julia's House**  
The Dorset Children's Hospice



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## ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE HARVEST 2014

Many thanks to those who helped decorate the church for our Harvest Festival in September. The church looked lovely. The service was led by **Rev Philip Ringer** and **Tito Saunt** played the

organ and her violin. Thank you to both of you. A small but cheerful gathering partook of a variety of hot and cold food at the bring and Share Harvest Lunch held after the service in the Village Hall.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** will be held at 5pm on **Sunday 14th December** during which we will hear the Christmas story and assemble the crib. Afterwards, please stay for mince pies and mulled wine. Why not walk together by torchlight from the Christmas Fayre in the Hall to the Carols in Church.

## BOOK CLUB



The group has been reading some interesting books over the last few months. They have included "**The Reluctant Fundamentalist**" by Pakistani author **Mohsin Hamid** which proved to be very topical at the moment. Next it was "**The Room of Lost Things**" by **Stella Duffy** - set in a South London Dry Cleaners - a lovely complex tale of the owner - his life and impending retirement and introduction of the new owner. Further books on our list are "**The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul**" by **Deborah Rodriguez**, ( a female perspective this time), "**The House on the Strand**" by Daphne Du Maurier, "**Rumours of a Hurricane**" by Tim Lott and "**The Book Thief**" by **Marcus Zusak** - now made into a film. So a wide variety of books! From November the group leader will be **Michele Vassar** who lives in West Bexington and actually works in a library, as I am moving out of the area. Out of all the village activities in which I have taken part, this group has been my favourite, followed closely by Yoga classes. So au revoir for now,

*Carol Bennett*

## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP



By popular vote, **Philippa** won the 'Bembridge Trophy'. All the pictures were admired by the man laying concrete outside the village hall and we very much admired his newly lain concrete.

What an improvement it makes to the look of the village hall. On 7th Nov. we are having a morning with the encaustic wax irons and trying out a range of other materials. On the 21st we have a workshop with Marilyn Allis on 'loose watercolour'.

*Christine Molony*

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE



Our **advent coffee morning** will be held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**, we should be grateful for any cakes, produce and plants that you can spare. Please come for coffee and a chat, we shall also be lighting our first Advent Candle at about 10.20 am, coffee will be served from 10.30.am.

We look forward to seeing many visitors and villagers.

*Swyre PCC*



## DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE

We took part in the annual charity cycle ride around the Bride Valley Churches again this September along with riders from Puncknowle and Litton. We are pleased that the rider, raising funds for Holy Trinity Swyre, received over £170 of generous contributions from local supporters, friends and family. Half the amount raised will be returned by the Trust to the Swyre Church maintenance fund. Very many thanks to all who contributed.

*Tony Taylor*

## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

Our next meal will be on **18<sup>th</sup> November**. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland** on 898492. New members are always welcome, if you would like to join this popular social event and enjoy a meal please get in touch and I will be pleased to explain anything about the club you wish to know.



Helpers are always welcome whether it is setting up the hall for the meals, preparing food and/or cooking or clearing up afterwards. You do not have to be a committee member. If you feel you would like to join us in this venture or want to know more please telephone me David Buckland 898492 and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

*David Buckland*

## PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

August	16	Paul Pritchard	£15
	10	Ann Barnes	£10
September	31	Debbie Legge	£15
	14	Ann Dillon	£10



## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 in the village hall. All welcome, please come along and show your support for this great village resource

## SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables for our Service of Harvest Thanksgiving at the end of September. Many thanks to all who helped to make the service and the buffet supper afterwards such an enjoyable occasion.

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our annual Service of Quiet Contemplation and Reflection will be held at 9.30am on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

## SPECIAL EVENT on 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER IN THE CHURCH

We are holding a special event entitled "Pack Up Your Troubles" in the church at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. This will be a light hearted evening with a WWI and WW2 theme, including a sing-along of popular songs of those eras. There will also be an opportunity to hear people reminiscing with family stories from both wars. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. Please join us on what is also our Patron Saint's Day, the Feast of St Martin.

## LIGHTING UP ST MARTIN'S

Our sponsors for floodlighting St Martin's for November are:

Roisin Holt                      For Steve's birthday  
Doreen Rogers                 For Frank  
Jessica Robertshaw In celebration of the Advent season



Linda & Eddy Buck    Because they love St Martin's  
Janet Epplestone    For Bee & John's wedding anniversary  
Ernie Thomas        For Will Thomas's birthday  
Jo & Gary Warren    For the lovely people of Shipton Gorge

In October the lights were sponsored by: Peter and Nova Varney October to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary; Emma Clark for Terry's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday; David & Jip for David's father, and Pam Oakes-Eccles in memory of Sheila and Susie.

For just £5, you too, can sponsor the floodlights and light up St Martin's for a special occasion or perhaps a fond memory. Please contact **Phyl Webster** on 01308 898657. If you would like your occasion to be mentioned in the appropriate month in this column, then please let me have your sponsorship in good time to reach the BVN submission date. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

### XMAS SHOPPING TRIP (by Coach) to Exeter on THURS 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

As in previous years, would you kindly book your place with **Sally Parker** as soon as possible in order that we can obtain the services of a suitable Coach. Sally's number is 01308 897168.

**Pre CHRISTMAS 'GET TOGETHER' – a reminder from Tony & Jane Mallett....**'Here's a date you **MUST** add to your diary – **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November ( Noon – 2.30pm)** in the Village Hall. **YOU** are all most welcome to join us and ask that you bring a plate of food and whatever you prefer to drink. 'Informality' is the theme for the lunch time and we hope to see you all there !...'

## HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE (SG)

Once again to remind you, there are currently 2 different booklets on sale about the history of Shipton Gorge. The SGVS booklet (at a cost of £3) and the other written by Sylvia Weston (£7.95) – both obtainable from Sally Parker on 01308 897168).  
*Terry Diver - Chair*

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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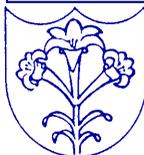
*"It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long, difficult words but rather short, easy words like "What about lunch?""*

*A.A Milne, Winnie the Pooh*

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# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## SING OUT FOR MISSION. 6.30PM SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Burton Bradstock Missions Committee is presenting an evening of favourite hymns and other entertainment with a simple ploughman's supper and drinks to raise funds for our two charities of 2014.

**The Pilsdon Community** offers a refuge to people in crisis, welcoming those from all backgrounds and from many different walks of life.

**Tearfund** is determined to bring life in all its fullness to people in the most extreme poverty.

Tell us your favourite hymns in advance if you can.

*Ian Ibbotson tel. 898484*

## ARTSREACH NEWS – BURTON BRADSTOCK

**Townsend Productions'** entertaining and thought provoking style continues with their latest show coming to Burton Bradstock Village Hall on **Saturday 8th November**.

Entitled "**United We Stand**", written by **Neil Gore** with music by **John Kirkpatrick**. A true story based on the builders strike of 1972 when 24 strikers, charged with conspiracy and affray, were prosecuted at Shrewsbury Court in 1973, and found guilty.

Three of them including the picket turned actor, Ricky Tomlinson, were sent to prison for two years. 40 years or so later Tomlinson is still seeking to overturn the alleged unjust prosecution of the 24 workers. "United We Stand" is compelling and entertaining, with songs arranged by John Kirkpatrick the renowned folk musician.



Townsend's previous productions, "The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists" and later "We Will Be Free", based on the Tolpuddle Martyrs story packed Burton Bradstock Village Hall and received glowing reviews. So don't miss this their latest show on their 2014 tour.

Adults £9. u18 £6. Family (two adults and two children) £25.

Tickets from Burton Bradstock Post Office, or pre booked from Norman at 01308 897214

**BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS** invite you to practice your "CLUEDO" skills in the Burton Village Hall on Thursday 27th or Friday 28th November at 7.30 pm.



They will be performing a Murder Mystery Play, providing food and drink, whilst you use their clues, red herrings and witness statements to test your detective skills. Further details will be on posters and press releases. Please come and support your local drama group.



## VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact  
Mrs Val Ferré (01308 897648)

## VILLAGE HALL "200 CLUB"

October 2014 Draw

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

VILLAGE HALL TRUST  
Registered Charity No. 1108201

### Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£44.40	No 167:	Mr D. Cole
2nd	£22.20	No 43:	Mr Derek Parsons
3rd	£11.10	No 73:	Mrs Jill Harper

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the November-December draws should telephone **Alan Clarke** on **01308 897051** and let him have £2 – one pound for each of the remaining 2 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## COFFEE STOP MORNING.

The next Coffee Stop morning in the hall will be on **Wednesday 19th November** from 10:00am to 12:00am and will be hosted by the Burton Bradstock WI (the cakes should be excellent).

The hall will be open to all, villagers and visitors alike. Tea or coffee and a biscuit will be available for 50p, plus optional cakes for a small charge.

If you want to meet up and chat, please come along.



## CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL BOOKING.

The annual Christmas Market and Coffee Morning will be held on **Saturday 6th December** between 10:00 and 12:30. Entrance £2 for adults and 50p for children under 16, which includes a free drink and festive cake.

Anyone wishing to book a table **PLEASE** contact the organizer, Richard Ferré, on 01308 897648. There were 2 major mix ups last year due to booking uncertainty, which we wish to avoid this year.

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The ever popular Christmas Quiz run by **Sue and Bryan Brown** will be on **Saturday 13th December**. The evening includes a light hearted quiz with prizes, a cash bar, raffle and light supper in the intermission.



Teams of up to 8 people participate, or if you want to join in but are not part of an organized team, the organizers will help you join one.

Tickets, which are £7 per person (including supper) go on sale at the post office on Sat 22nd November. Tickets sold out early last year, so be warned.

To book a team table, request a vegetarian option for supper (unless pre-ordered, it will not be supplied) or request a place in a team, call/email the organizer, **Richard Ferré** on 01308 897648 or richard@rferre.fsnet.co.uk.

## COMMITTEE VACANCY.

We are looking for a bright, intelligent and cheerful person to become the Secretary of the Village Hall Trust which oversees the running and maintenance of the Village Hall.



The job entails some simple administration once or twice a year plus attendance at the committee meetings every other month.

If you are bright, intelligent and cheerful and want to make a difference, please call the Chairman, **Richard Ferré**, on 01308 897648.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

**The Railway Man – Friday 7 November-** Burton Bradstock Village Hall

The second film of the winter season is *The Railway Man*, an adaptation of the book of the same name telling the extraordinary and epic true story of Eric Lomax, a British Army officer who is tormented as a prisoner of war at a Japanese labour camp during World War II. Decades later Lomax discovers that the Japanese interpreter he holds responsible for his treatment is still alive and sets out to confront him and his haunting past.



**Colin Firth** and **Nicole Kidman** give a powerful performance telling this true story.

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start. The £5 entry includes a glass of wine or a soft drink. Tickets are on sale at the Post Office. *The Railway Man* is rated R.

## A VEAST OF FOLK RAISES FUNDS FOR RNLI

Burton Bradstock's 'A Veast of Folk' on Saturday September 20th has revived an old tradition of music, song and dance and raised in excess of **£600** for the RNLI. The folk day held at the **Three Horseshoes Pub** was a great success with bands playing to a packed audience in the pub garden followed by a Ceilidh and supper in the village hall. On Sunday an impromptu music session in the **Anchor Pub** brought in an extra donation to swell the funds. Organisers made the presentation to Bridport RNLI at Haddon House and were thanked for their splendid donation.



Thanks go to everyone who came and supported the day

and especially to local musicians: **Bride Valley Band, Burton Bradstock School, Shiraz, ABA, Wyld Morris, Bobbies Gurlz, Acoustic Rooster, KnH, and Mor or Less,**

to visiting musicians **Delta 88** from Exeter making their debut appearance, and **The High Street Band** from Stony Stratford, all giving their time for free and making the Veast such an enjoyable event. Plans are already afoot for the 2nd Veast of Folk in **Sept 2015** with an expanded programme of events. More details to come after Christmas.



## BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

We're starting November with our Early Christmas Fair (10.30am – 12noon on **Saturday, 1st November**) so if you're reading this before then, do come along and join us for coffee and a mince pie, and stalls with plenty to tempt you. Those attending are invited to help judge the members' Craft and Knitting competitions, by placing coins by their favoured items. The coins are donated to the Association of Country Women Worldwide, which works to improve the lives of women and their families in the developing world.



**Liz Price** from the Parliamentary Outreach service was the speaker at the October meeting; this is a free, politically neutral service which aims to increase public knowledge of how parliament works.

Our meetings are held in the afternoons in the winter, so at 2.15 on **11th November, Miss Christine Butterfield** will enlighten us about wills and power of attorney. Later in the month, WI members and friends are looking forward to a coach trip to Bath, to visit the Christmas Market there.

Any woman living locally is welcome to attend some meetings before deciding whether to become a member; for more information please contact the Secretary on 898484.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Village Society Talk—Friday November 14th—7.30pm start

**Havana Marking** is a young British Producer and director of documentary films. She is best known for the 2009 film **Afghan Star** which won Best Director and Audience Award at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival..



To achieve this she lived in Kabul for 5 months, creating a film about an Afghan reality TV series there based on The X Factor. When however a young woman contestant dances in the final part of the series it leads to death threats to her. Havana will talk about this; and also her part-animated feature, **Smash and Grab: The Story of The Pink Panthers** about Balkan Diamond Thieves; and her career to date as a whole. She will also show brief extracts from her film work.

Do come along and join us to what looks like to be a very interesting and enjoyable talk

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Website address: [www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](http://www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)

### ALLOTMENT VACANCY

We have 1 vacant allotment; please contact the Clerk for further info or to be put on the waiting list

### PARISH PLAN

The Burton Bradstock Parish Plan for 2014 to 2019 is available from the PC website to read and download also reference copies are in the Reading Room and in the Library. The Parish Plan topic groups for the various projects are now being set up so please contact the Clerk who will pass your details onto the lead Councillor

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 5th November 2014** 7.30pm at the Reading Room.

The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting, on the Parish Council notice boards (outside the Reading Room and the Library), and on the website. All are welcome and you may raise any issues you want to discuss under the “Parishioners’ Points” items on the Agenda. You can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, Mrs Michele Harding, by email on [burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com) or by phone on 01305 871268/ 07814 016971, or through any of the Councillors - phone numbers are on the website.

## FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL) FBBL PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

The Annual Ploughman's Lunch will be held at Burton Bradstock Village Hall on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November** from mid-day until 2pm. We will be serving a choice of Gammon, Cheese or Pate, with a licensed bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks. We also have a sale of books, so if anybody has any books in good condition they no longer want and would like to donate them to our fund raising event, please phone **Sandy Adderley** on 898358.

Tickets £6 each are on sale at Burton Bradstock **Post Office** or from **Sandy**. Do come along to a very social lunchtime. We look forward to seeing you there on the day.

## NEW TREASURER

FBBL Charity Committee require a new Treasurer. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please contact **Ian Wigglesworth** 01308 897083

## CARDS/NOTELETS

The Library Christmas card and Tapestry Cards/Notelets are available to buy in the Library.

## DVDs

There is a selection of DVDs to take on a Bring & Buy basis. All monies donated go to the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library funds. Donations of DVDs are welcome. We cannot accept 18/X rated films or freebies from newspapers.

## DIARY DATES

10<sup>th</sup> November Story Time for under 5's at 2.30pm in the Library  
15<sup>th</sup> November Ploughman's Lunch 12am to 2.00pm at Village Hall

## BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY – Opening hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm  
Tuesday & Saturday 10.00am to 12.00am

**CONTACT:** 01308 897563 email : [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)  
[www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & ART

The **AGM** will be on Thursday 20th November in the Village Hall at 7 pm. Everybody is welcome, although only Friends of the Festival will be able to vote, but we welcome anyone interested in the Art and the Music, and especially newcomers to the valley.



## HI FI WIZARD WANTED!

Since I lost my sight I have become increasingly dependant upon Talking Books but unfortunately my CD player has packed up and persistently rejects discs when they are put in. The player is a Sony of some antiquity and not one of the modern integrated systems.



If you think you could be of assistance in this matter I would be very grateful if you could give me (**Geoffrey Seward**) a ring on **01308-897298**.

## BIGGEST THANK YOU

The Macmillan Coffee morning held in Burton Bradstock Reading Room on 26th September raised an amazing £447.13 and with another donation of £100 we achieved **£547.13**. Thank you all involved for your amazing generosity to this great charity.



*Pat Neale*

## LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

email: [pwbridehead@btinternet.com](mailto:pwbridehead@btinternet.com) Tel: 482232



**LITTLEBREDY** will never before have experienced anything like the weekend of the 19th – 21st September, when “Activate: Inside Out Dorset” filled the village with performance art of various kinds, and about 2,000 people came to share the experience. All will have been affected in different proportions by listening for music under the earth beside the lake or tuning into “Woodland Springs” around the well above Stonehills, or listening to the intrinsic sounds embedded in an ash tree above the cricket ground, or any of the other presentations, and all those who organised and presented the event deserve credit for a great deal of hard work, which we hope they feel was fully rewarded. They have made donations to the Church and Village Hall as a thank-you to any locals who may have been inconvenienced in any way.

Those who didn’t make it to “Landance” in the Valley of Stones missed a display of stunning balletic virtuosity in an energetic sequence of performances interpreting both the mystery and spirit of this more or less uniquely historical landscape – which is right on our doorstep.

Only one Littlebredy cyclist was able to participate in the sponsored Dorset Historic Churches Trust “Ride & Stride” on the right day, but by now the others will have put in



some graft on their bikes in late October in order to justify their sponsorship, which overall should come close to, if not exceed, last year's total, which was comfortably in four figures (and half comes straight back to our Church). Thanks and congratulations to all who earned or provided the sponsorship for this excellent result.

Thanks too to all who provided food, drink and good company for the **Harvest Lunch** following the Church service at the end of September. It was very enjoyable for those who were there, although they/we were fewer than for suppers in previous years. We hope that, once clergy numbers are up to scratch again, it will be possible to revert to an evening Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper in 2015.

A reminder that the **BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS EVENING** is planned for **Friday 7th November**, with the fire being lit at about 7.00 pm, and the fireworks display close to the village green beginning shortly afterwards. Spectators are asked to bring a sizeable firework or two, or preferably provide them in advance to anyone on the Social Club Committee (e.g. **Mandy Wilkinson** or **Daniel Barrett** to name but two), and no doubt the bar will be busy throughout the evening. There will be a **barbecue hot dog supper** on offer for a small fee.



<b>LONG BREDY</b> VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: <b>CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM</b> TEL: 482757 EMAIL: <a href="mailto:mark_banham@btinternet.com">mark_banham@btinternet.com</a>	
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	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> A joyful service was held and the many gifts collected were given to Chancery house in Bridport, who expressed their thanks.
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<b>CAROL SERVICE</b> 	Our joint Carol Service with Littlebredy will be held in St Peter's Long Bredy on Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 11.00am. Dust off your wings and join us for an angel themed service which promises to be an angelic start to Christmas - all welcome! There will be refreshments after the service.
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## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING -

Come and meet your friends and neighbours for a get together on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** 10.00 to 12.00. There will be a raffle and Christmassy things to buy if you wish. Any profits made will be divided between the village hall, playground and church.

## THANK YOU

Thank you from **Rosemarie** and **Albert Pitcher** to everyone who helped in any way and all who came along to the coffee morning in aid of their two chosen charities. **£460** was raised, which will be split between the charities.



## TEA & CHAT

**11 November** at Bridelands, Long Bredy

**9 December, 13 January & 10 February** at Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney

*All in the Bride Valley welcome - come and join us between 3 and 5pm.!*

## LYME BAY DEANERY

### Understanding Hearing Impairment. – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Come along to **Beaminster Church** for 3.00pm to a talk by a member of the RNID about hearing impairment, and how to assist those who are disadvantaged by hearing loss. [Many of us are included in this category!] All welcome, and hopefully there will be some tea and cakes left over from Walk in Wednesday. Particularly useful to church wardens, clergy, LPA's and LLM's, but really for all of us. You will be very welcome.

### Bereavement Visiting –Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7- 9.30pm

Venue: **Chesil Court Hall, Burton Bradstock** [off Annings Lane.]

This ACORN course has been so popular, it is being run for a third time in the Deanery, this time as an evening course. This course is really useful to everyone, as we all have to deal with our own bereavements, but also to support our friends and neighbours. Donations appreciated. **Please book.**

Please contact: [elfsavigear@btinternet.com](mailto:elfsavigear@btinternet.com) or 01308 424 031. for further information on either of these courses.

## OH HAPPY DAY!

*“if you really want to let rip with your voice there's no better way than with a rousing gospel song”*; so says an online advert for **Jo Sercombe's Sing Gospel** days ([Artrix.co.uk](http://Artrix.co.uk))

This was the exhilarating experience for over 40 people gathered at St John's West Bay for a Gospel singing workshop led by Jo Sercombe. We had great fun! During the workshop we learnt three songs completely from

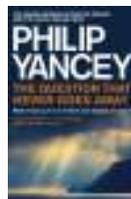
scratch and performed them at the end of the day. It was liberating to learn songs without having to worry about looking at words or music, and the close harmony singing was amazing. We also learned the gospel choreography (swaying and clapping) through some hilarious rhythm workouts.

Jo is returning in the New Year to lead another workshop - details will be published in the Bride Valley News. Thanks to Elfrida for organising such a great event and we look forward to the next workshop.

Gill Newell

## BOOK REVIEW by GOOD BOOKS

'The Question That Never Goes Away' by Philip Yancey. A popular author who tackles the question so many of us ask ; 'Where is God in a world of such tragedy and pain? He draws on his experiences of meeting those caught up in the Japanese tsunami, the siege of Sarajevo and the murder of children and staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School.



**GOOD BOOKS CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP** urgently needs your help! Can you spare time each week in the shop or as an occasional relief? Do you have website skills? Do you have PR or fundraising experience? Whatever your gifts & talents, please contact Janice Collins if you'd like to help in any way: 01308 420483 or call in to see us in Gundry Lane.

## GOOD BOOKS

*Bridport's Christian Bookshop*



St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

Tel: 01308 420483

email: [orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk](mailto:orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk)

website: [www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk](http://www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk)

Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care, Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers.

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs. 9.00am-1.00pm,

Wed & Fri. 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday. 10.00am-12.00 noon.

## VILLAGE WEBSITES

*giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc*

[www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

[www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

[www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

[www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net)

[www.swyre.org.uk](http://www.swyre.org.uk)

[www.westbexington.org.uk](http://www.westbexington.org.uk)

[www.littlebredy.com](http://www.littlebredy.com)



# VALLEY NOTES

## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



Our very first **Discover Thorner's Fair** was a HUGE success – we raised more than £700! A wet morning changed into a lovely, sunny afternoon and the children had a great time running their own stalls and trying their hand at others. There were skittles, hoopla, Beat the Goalie, find the treasure, apple bobbing and many more. Children had a range of activities to choose from – stone carving, cave painting, making bread, daubing the walls of the Saxon Hut and pony rides. The Gardening Club sold plants and the choir sang. Please look on our website <http://www.thorners.dorset.sch.uk/events.htm> for lots more pictures.



We had a competition in school: the best veg animal, floral arrangement, apple cake and handicraft. We had fantastic, very creative entries.



We were joined by our families and friends to celebrate **Harvest**. We did a lot of cooking and the children brought in tins and jars which were gratefully received by the Dorchester Food Bank.

Some of our Year 2 and 3 children talked on the **Wessex FM School Report**. The link (also on our website) is: <http://www.wessexfm.com/On-Air/breakfast/school-report.php>. Some great listening here!

Chesil have been learning about **local animals** in Science and have investigated animals living in our field and in the Discovery Area. Chesil have also been **problem solving in maths** and learning how to knit.



The whole school has been learning **football** skills. Eggardon enjoyed a day of **Landance** and the teachers were very impressed by their agility!



The children are enjoying a range of lunchtime **clubs** – active club, music, Eco, gardening, football, cross country and choir. Two after school clubs – cookery and choir – are to start soon.

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL



Following the heavy rain and thunderstorms we arrived to school on the 10<sup>th</sup> October to glorious Autumn sunshine which was just perfect for our **Harvest Festival**. The church was filled with songs, poems, prayers and paintings to celebrate the amazing harvest this year has given us. With bumper crops of



fruit and vegetables all around them, the children led us through a heart-warming service which not only gave thanks for the harvest but also considered people in the world who don't have enough harvest to feed them. Children in Class 3 made the packed church of parents and village residents laugh with their poignant poems which cleverly played on vegetable names!

Also this month the whole school have taken part in a '**Forest Adventure**'.



As part of our creative curriculum the Friends of the school paid for the children to go by coach to the Magdalen Project near Chard. During the day the children learnt about wildlife and the environment and had great fun working in 'tribes' to make a waterproof shelter using only the materials around them. The children displayed great teamwork

and ingenuity with their designs. The fact that we had heavy rain the previous night made it all the more exciting - lots more mud and puddles to splash in! After all their hard work sitting around the campfire drinking hot chocolate and eating toasted marshmallows was a perfect end to an 'awesome' day!

Following our visit to the Magdalen Project the children have been so inspired they have written some brilliant recounts to share their day with others. It has also permeated other areas of the curriculum with the younger children producing a rainforest display in their classroom on which they have their writing targets and the older children designing and making bird hides as part of their DT curriculum. All in all our Learning Quest this term is proving to be a great success. In fact to quote one of our Year 6 pupils "***I love this new curriculum!***"

*Claire Staple Headteacher*

## FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP



We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or carers of children from babies until 4 years old along to our lovely toddler group. We have a good selection of toys and soft play equipment. We provide snacks and tea or coffee for the bargain price of £2! Please come along and support the group as we only have a small number at the moment. We meet **every Wednesday (term time) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am in LATCH** (Litton Cheney hall) Contact **Claire Gauden** for more info (01308 898728 or email [claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk))

## TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday of each month (except August) at 2.15 pm. It includes singing, activities, story time, refreshments and playtime. You're welcome to the services held on **Friday 14th November and Friday 12th December**. For more information please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.



### A New Addition!!

As from October 17th parents and/or carers with toddlers, babies and bumps are invited to drop in to St Mary's church, Burton Bradstock, for tea/coffee and play **every Friday afternoon during term from 2.00pm** until pick-up time from the schools.

The Tot's Service remains each 2nd Friday. Please feel free to come and go and to socialise as you wish on the other weeks at this new informal addition,

*Heather Rogers*



**September:** we have been looking at harvest. We have started to look at the changes in the seasons. We went harvesting vegetables from an allotment, did some vegetable printing, had a vegetable shop as well as making vegetable soup. We had the story of 'The little Red hen'. After reading the story we made bread, ground wheat and made puppets.

**October :** we have been looking more closely at autumn and making leaf men, leaf printing and collecting autumn things on an autumn walk e.g. conkers etc.

*Fledglings is open Mon-Thurs, 9am-3.15pm. Lunch club from 11.45pm-12.45pm. Fees: £9.50 per session, lunch club £2.50.*

*Children 3 years old are funded from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. 2yr funding is available, please see department of education web site for more details and qualifying criteria*

For any enquiries please contact Emma on 01308482410 or through our web site <http://www.bridevalleyfledglings.btck.co.uk/>

## **BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB**

Bride Valley Youth club is run by parents for children 8 and over. We have sessions roughly every 2 weeks in term time at LATCH. There is music, games a tuck shop and lots of fun Last year we had a non-contact boxing night, cooking sessions, a trip to Crealy in the summer, Tug of war. It's a great opportunity to chill with friends.

New members always welcome just come along to any of the sessions and see us. Check us out on facebook for all the latest news or if you have any questions.

Here are this term's Dates

4 November	Cooking
18 November	
2 December	End of term party

*Jill Neill*

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

On behalf of all who were there, sincere thanks are due to **Rev'd Jean Thorn** for an amazing evening at LATCH that focussed on praying for and with others in their times of need. Jean's presentation was relaxed and full of helpful insights. There were challenging situations to think through, times of silence and plenty of laughter. We all went home inspired, refreshed, and better equipped to serve God and help others

Thanks too to those who provided refreshments.

*Heather Rogers*

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH



## Social Evenings

The final Social Evening for 2014 will be on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** (NB this is on the first Monday) in The Three Horseshoes Burton Bradstock commencing at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm.

The dates for next year will appear in the December issue of the BVN

Please let Basil Dent (897125) or Malcolm Lawrence know if you are attending.

## OTHER EVENTS:

**Thursday November 6th**

Coffee morning in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Cake stall, gift stall, raffle & poster competition for the pupils of Burton Bradstock School

**Saturday November 8th**

Wreath laying in the Bride Valley

**Sunday November 9th**

Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock;

**2015**

**Monday 16th February**

Annual dinner at Bridport Golf Club

*Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women it is open to all and you are welcome to join us*

Please contact myself or Basil Dent on the above telephone number for more details.

*Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)*

## ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

We meet at 7.30 pm on Thursday 6 November in Strangways Hall Abbotsbury for our Branch **Annual General Meeting**. There will be light refreshments to follow and a chance to have a chat!

Our annual **Christmas Shopping** outing this year will be to **Southampton**. By way of a change we shall approach our destination via Hythe Pier miniature railway and the Hythe Ferry, landing at Southampton Ferry Terminal. To book for this event on Thursday **20 November** (please note the change of date) contact the writer. Open to



**THE RAILWAY MAN**  
Wednesday 12th November  
8.00pm  
LATCH  
See Litton Cheney Section page 9 for further details



non-members for a small booking fee. Coach leaves Abbotsbury at 8.30 am, Portesham Green 8.35 am, Steepleton Pond 8.40 am and Dorchester 8.55 am (with additional stops as necessary).

From 10 am to 12noon on Saturday **1 November** we shall hold a **Coffee Morning** in Portesham Village Hall in aid of the Poppy Appeal. A raffle, cakes, bring and buy, bric a brac, and “bacon butties” will all be there to tempt you; there will be another attraction in the shape of a photograph exhibition. Donations would be appreciated.

**Sunday 9 November:** There will be a short wreath-laying ceremony at St. Nicholas Churchyard, Abbotsbury to mark **Remembrance Sunday** at 10.15 am to which all are invited. At 10.50 am the same day, Divine Service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Portesham, followed by wreath-laying at the War Memorial.

**4-9 May, 2015:** D. Baker's charity fund raising **Tour of North Yorkshire** is already heavily booked. Your detailed itinerary is available on request. This holiday will be in aid of the Poppy Appeal and Youth Cancer Trust.

*Des Baker Chairman The Social Fund.  
01305 267617 or email "aveswood@sky.com*

## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

At the Gardening Club's meeting in September **Geoff Hobson**, from Westbury, shared with us his extensive knowledge of orchids. Many members and visitors had brought orchids for advice on their care and, having identified the causes of the problems, Geoff used these to give simple instructions on where best to place each type of orchid, demonstrated how to pot them on and gave advice on the best compost to use, watering and feeding.



## JOBS TO DO IN NOVEMBER

Plant bare-rooted trees, shrubs and new roses; protect tender and newly planted shrubs from frost and wind. If you have shrubs in the wrong place young deciduous ones can be moved this month. Lift and store gladioli, plant lilies in containers. Complete tulip planting by the end of the month. Some root vegetables, e.g. parsnips are improved by exposure to frost, while many (beetroots, carrots and swedes) are moderately hardy. This means if they are mulched with straw or covered with fleece they can be harvested until Christmas. Stake tall stems of Brussels sprouts. Before lighting bonfires check they are clear of sheltering wildlife; clean out bird boxes; regularly clean bird feeders and bird baths.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*

## BRIDE VALLEY WI

Our WI is back from the summer break with a bang - a celebration of our first birthday and our Annual Meeting followed by cheese and wine and badge making - lots of info and ideas sharing as well as a lively social evening. In **October** we enjoyed a chocolate making session with Gareth from the **Bridport Chocolatiers Cafe** In **November** we will be holding a **Scandi-Style Crafts Night** ready for Christmas with a few fun projects to try, before a **Seasonal Recipe Share** in **December** - get to try out everyone's favourite Christmas recipes (food or drink!) and get some ideas for your own festive fare.

We aim to have a fun and varied programme with something to interest everyone. We are still welcoming new members so please come along to one of our meetings to find out more - its a great way to make new friends and learn and experience some new things. We meet at 7.30pm on the **third Thursday of each month**, usually at **Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall**. The first meeting is free, but November is a great time to join us as you get 14 months membership for the price of 12!

For more information, contact **Natalie Green** on [nataliejgreen@me.com](mailto:nataliejgreen@me.com)

**THE LIVING TREE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets **every Friday** 2.00-4.30pm at **Bridport Quaker Meeting House**, South Street, Bridport. [www.thelivingtree.org.uk](http://www.thelivingtree.org.uk)

Friday 7th Tracey Warren, Grief Journey support programme

Friday 14th Dianne Dowling, MA research on "Breast cancer & work".

Friday 21st Macmillan Focus Group on support groups for older people.

Friday 28th Tracey Strawbridge, EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique).



## DORSET'S DARK SKIES 2015 CALENDAR

Dorset's most talked-about and unique 2015 calendar: photographs by Bridport photographer Stephen Banks.



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## BRIDPORT LADIES IN POLE POSITION TO FIGHT MALE CANCER THIS HALLOWEEN



Ladies in Bridport are pole dancing for men this Halloween, but not in the way you may at first think...

Dorset fitness group, **POLELATIS**, are holding a cabaret that will include pole dancing, belly dancing, hula hooping and more to raise money for **ORCHID**, the UK's leading charity working in male-specific cancers, supporting thousands of men with testicular, prostate and penile cancer. It's the third pole showcase the group have ever done, with around 15 local women performing this time. After a successful Christmas performance last year they've decided to use the same venue (**LATCH**) and are hoping to raise vital funding and awareness about Orchid.

**Ally Franklin**, founder and teacher of Polelatis, who has organised the fundraiser says that the group were passionate about supporting the charity for reasons close to their hearts, *"Some of the ladies have men in their lives, friends or family who have suffered or lost their fight to testicular or prostate cancer."* Ally adds that she also enjoys the irony, *"I thought it might be a bit tongue in cheek as most people think we pole for men (strippers) so I thought why not literally pole for men (health), if you see what we mean."* She also wants to raise awareness about pole dancing as a legitimate type of exercise, *"We want to change the way people see pole dancing, it's great fitness for men and women. This is the chance for people to see what pole fitness is really about whilst supporting a great cause."*

Ally's ladies will put on their spooky pole dancing showcase at the **Litton and Thorners Village Hall, Schoolhouse Lane, Litton Cheney, Dorset, DT2 9AU on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 7pm.** There will be a raffle on the night, some local stalls, and spooky refreshments available. Tickets cost £4.50, under 12s are free, and profits will go to Orchid men's cancer charity.



*Over 43,000 men are diagnosed every year in the UK with testicular, prostate and penile cancer. Orchid is the UK's leading charity working in the area of male-specific cancers. Established in 1996 by testicular cancer patient Colin Osborne, and the oncologist who saved his life, Professor Tim Oliver, the charity provides support to people affected by or interested in these cancers through funding a world-class research programme, awareness and education campaigns and a range of vital support services,*

Bridport's multi award winning **Encore Theatre Club** return to Bridport Arts Centre this November with a timely production of **OH! WHAT A LOVELY WAR.**



Made famous by the Richard Attenborough film, the local theatre company are returning to the plays roots and performing this seminal theatre work in original form, as devised by Joan Littlewood and the Theatre Workshop at The Theatre Royal, Stratford East in 1963.

The play is searing satire on the futility of war and uses comedy and the songs of the period, contrasted with the stark horror of the conflict, to bring home the conditions faced by those caught up in the conflict.

The Encore stage crew recently helped with Bridport Town Halls World War 1 Exhibition transforming the Georgian building into a trench from the Western Front, and the show promises to use multi media techniques to tell the story.

Performances are from **Tuesday 25th** to **Saturday 29th November** at Bridport Arts Centre. Tickets are £10 (£9 for the first night) and are on sale at the Arts Centre Box Office, tel: 01308 424204, or online at [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)

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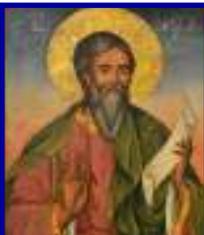
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## DIARY, NOVEMBER 2014

Sat	1	10.30	Early Christmas Fair	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sun	2	12.30	Valley Lunch	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	3	10.00	Julian Group	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	4	18.30	BV Youth Club - Cooking	LATCH
Wed	5	15.00	Deanery - Hearing Impairment	Beaminster
Wed	5	19.30	BB Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Sat	6	10.00	Village Christmas Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Long Bredy
Thu	6	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Thu	6	19.00	Deanery - Bereavement Visiting	Chesil Court, South Annings BB
Thu	6	19.00	RBL Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Fri	7	10.00	Art Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	7	19.00	Bonfire & Fireworks	Village Green, Littlebredy
Fri	7	19.30	BB Films "The Railway Man"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	8	10.00	RBL Wreath Laying in Bride Valley	BB Village Green
Sat	8	19.30	United We Stand (Artsreach)	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	10	14.30	Story Time for the under 5's	Library, Burton Bradstock
Tue	11	14.30	BB WI - Wills & Power of Attorney	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Tue	11	15.00	Tea & Chat	Bridelands, Long Bredy
Tue	11	19.30	Litton Cheney PC Meeting	Meeting Room, LATCH
Tue	11	19.30	Pack Up Your Troubles	St Martin's, Shipton
Wed	12	19.30	BV Film Club "The Railway Man"	LATCH
Wed	12	19.30	Shipton Gorge Parish Council	Village Hall, Shipton
Thu	13	11.30	Chesil Court Coffee morning	Chesil Court, South Annings BB
Thu	13	19.00	Deanery - Bereavement Visiting	Chesil Court, South Annings BB
Fri	14	14.2	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Fri	14	19.30	BB Village Society - Havana Marking	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	15	10.30	Village Caf�	LATCH
Sat	16	12.00	FBBL Ploughman's Lunch	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Tue	18	12.30	Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	18	19.30	PSWB Village Hall AGM	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	19	10.00	Coffee Stop/ BB WI	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Thu	20	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Thu	20	19.00	Deanery - Bereavement Visiting	Chesil Court, South Annings BB
Thu	20	19.30	Bride Valley WI	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	20	19.30	BV WI - Scandi-Style Crafts Night	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	21	10.00	Art Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sat	22	18.30	Fish & Chip Supper	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	27	19.30	Murder Mystery by BB Players	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Fri	28	20.30	Murder Mystery by BB Players	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	29	10.30	Advent Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	30	12.00	Village Christmas Get-Together	Village Hall, Shipton



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: NOVEMBER 2014

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2 November All Saints' Day</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 9 November Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 16 November Second Before Advent</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 23 November Christ the King</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 30 November Feast of St Andrew</b>
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service  6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion  10.50 Remembrance Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service  6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by Ext 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Remembrance Service	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 3.30 Evening Prayer	
<b>Swyre</b>	3.30 Evening Prayer	10.50 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All Age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship	No Service	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm United Service Advent Songs of Praise
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	.	9.30 Morning Worship		
<b>Littlebredy</b>		10.50 Remembrance Service		11.00 Holy Communion	